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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

23. (currently amended) A wrap configured as a sleeve that is selectively variable in peripheral size for applying a thermal pad to a variably selected body portion, comprising:

an elongated flexible strip of elastic material having elasticity in the direction of elongation, having first and second end portions joined together such that the strip is configured as a sleeve having an inner face and an outer face, and having a mid-portion between said first and second end portions of said strip;

a sheet of said flexible and elastic material secured to a face of said strip at said mid-portion thereof and forming at least one pocket having at least one opening such that said pocket is adapted to receive a prepackaged thermal pad therein through said at least one opening;

an attachment element joined to said sleeve and extending from the outer face of the sleeve in a position enabling the sleeve to be selectively varied in peripheral size by commonly drawing the attachment element and a drawn portion of the sleeve around a remaining portion of the sleeve; and

a fastening means extending along the entire surface of said elongated flexible strip, sufficiently engageable with said attachment element to secure the drawn portion of the sleeve to any surface portion of the sleeve in drawn position, in a wrapped configuration around a selected body portion.

24. (currently amended) The wrap as claimed in claim 23, wherein:

said attachment element is joined to said sleeve at the junction of said first and second end portions of said elongated flexible strip of the flexible and elastic material such that the attachment element is enabled to draw the first and second end portions around a remaining

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portion of the sleeve.

25. (currently amended) An improved wrap suited for applying a thermal pad to any of various different selected body portions of different sizes, wherein the wrap ~~is of a type having~~ has a pocket defining at least one opening adapting the pocket to receive a prepackaged thermal pad therein through said opening and ~~having~~ has a longitudinally elongated flexible and elastic compression band that is elastic in the direction of elongation, having first and second opposite compression band portions extending away from two opposite edges of said pocket to respective first and second distal ends of said band, the band having sufficient length for applying the pocket to a selected body portion by wrapping and applying compression to the body portion, wherein the improvement comprises:

an attachment element carried on a first one of said respective first and second ends of said band distal from said pocket, wherein said attachment element is adapted to releasably fasten to any selected portion of said band to conform and secure the wrap to a selected body portion; and

a fastening means extending along the entire surface of said band, engageable with said attachment element to secure the wrap around a selected body portion while permitting any portion of the band, distal from said engaged area, to be severed from the wrap for variably adjusting the fit of the wrap to the size of the selected body portion.

26. (previously presented) The wrap as claimed in claim 25, wherein:

said fastening means comprises first and second faces of said first and second compression band portions, wherein both of said first and second compression band portions are formed of an elastic material that is sufficiently engageable with said attachment element along the entire surface of the first and second faces to establish an engaged area with the attachment element; and

said attachment element comprises hook fasteners adapted to engage said elastic material of said fastening means to selectively secure said strip about a desired body portion.

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27. (previously presented) The wrap as claimed in claim 26, wherein said attachment element comprises:

a hook-type fastening strip fixed to and extending from said first distal end of said first compression band portion and adapted to removably attach to any selected surface portion of said first and second compression band portions.

28. (previously presented) The wrap as claimed in claim 25, wherein:
said first and second compression band portions are formed of a strip of elastic material having common first and second faces; and
said pocket comprises:
a mid-portion of said strip of elastic material providing a first wall of the pocket; and
an additional sheet of elastic material secured to one of said faces of said strip;
wherein said mid-portion of the strip and said additional sheet of elastic material together form the pocket.

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